



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

March 23, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the City of Morning Sun's Wastewater Treatment Project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Morning Sun, located at 11 East Division Street, PO Box 426, Morning Sun, Iowa 52640.

The funding would be used to upgrade the city's wastewater treatment plant to meet final nitrogen and ammonia limits. The city's current wastewater treatment facility is non-compliant. Planned improvements include addition of integrated Nitrox MBBR treatment process to achieve nitrification, construction of earthen quiescent cell, sludge removal, replacement of the influent structure and piping of Cell 1, an addition of a larger blower building for better maintenance and storage of equipment, and the addition of a backup generator and portable water source.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the effluent from the facility is discharged to Roff Creek, a B(WW-3) designated use waterbody, 5700 feet downstream of the facility, Roff Creek is designated (A-2), the first recreational designation. Roff Creek then combines with the Iowa River and eventually the Mississippi River. The following waterbodies in the discharge route are on the impaired waters list:

- Roff Creek for general use (wastewater impacts)
- Iowa River for primary contact (indicator bacteria)
- Mississippi River for aquatic life (aluminum)

The proposed improvements will ensure that the amounts of contaminants in the effluent will not exceed those permitted limits. The reduction of ammonia will also help to alleviate the nutrient-related water quality issues associated with the Mississippi River.

The City of Morning Sun has a population of 697 according to the 2021 Census data and according to the 2021 Low to Moderate Income Survey, the community is 57.9% LMI. In 2022, the City of Morning Sun qualified as a disadvantaged community through the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mariannette Miller-Meeks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mariannette Miller-Meeks, M.D.
Member of Congress